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### Definitions of "physical change" on the Web:

- An alteration of the properties of a substance without affecting the substance itself  
[www.thinkscience.org/vocabdefs8.html](http://www.thinkscience.org/vocabdefs8.html)
- a change in the form of matter but not in its chemical identity.  
[library.thinkquest.org/19957/matter/glossary.html](http://library.thinkquest.org/19957/matter/glossary.html)
- a change that affects the size, shape or color of a substance but does not affect its composition  
[education.jlab.org/beamsactivity/6thgrade/vocabulary/](http://education.jlab.org/beamsactivity/6thgrade/vocabulary/)
- a change in matter in which no new type of matter is produced; for example, freezing, melting, and boiling  
[www.saskschools.ca/curr\\_content/science9/glossary/](http://www.saskschools.ca/curr_content/science9/glossary/)
- a change in the solid, liquid or gas state of matter  
[chemistry.boisestate.edu/rbanks/inorganic/glossary.htm](http://chemistry.boisestate.edu/rbanks/inorganic/glossary.htm)
- refers to changes in the state of matter w/o changes in composition.  
[www.hawkeye.cc.ia.us/faculty/jayres/Chem\\_Web\\_2005/A\\_Partial\\_List\\_of\\_Terms\\_for\\_Chapter\\_2.htm](http://www.hawkeye.cc.ia.us/faculty/jayres/Chem_Web_2005/A_Partial_List_of_Terms_for_Chapter_2.htm)
- phase change: a change from one state (solid or liquid or gas) to another without a change in chemical composition  
[wordnet.princeton.edu/perl/webwn](http://wordnet.princeton.edu/perl/webwn)

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